

SIMPSON BALKED IN EFFORT TO SHOW WILLIE STEVENS HAS COLORED BLOOD

Henry Impresses Jury With Story Of Fishing Alibi

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SOMERVILLE, N. J., Nov.

20.—The attempt of the state to show that colored blood courses through the veins of Willie Stevens—an attempt exclusively foretold in The GRAPHIC several days ago—ended in abject failure this afternoon.

Called as the first witness when court resumed, Henry Stevens stated, seemingly defiant, that he and his brother had the same mother.

"He (Willie) wasn't born of a mulatto woman," thundered Special Prosecutor Alexander Simpson.

"No," was the quiet, impressive reply.

Gives Minute Details

The question of Willie's birth was the first thing gone into by the prosecution, after Henry, on cross-examination, had denied being in or near New Brunswick the night his brother-in-law, the Rev. Edward W. Hall, and Mrs. Eleanor R. Mills were murdered on the Phillips Farm.

In reply to questions put to him by Senator Clarence E. Case, of defense counsel, the witness described to the minutest detail his movements for several days prior to and after the crime. He made a strong impression, apparently, on the jury. He had been an admirable witness for the cause of his brother, his sister, Mrs. Frances Stevens Hall, and himself.

"Is William Stevens your full brother; have you the same parents?" was the first question of Simpson, after the witness had been turned over to him.

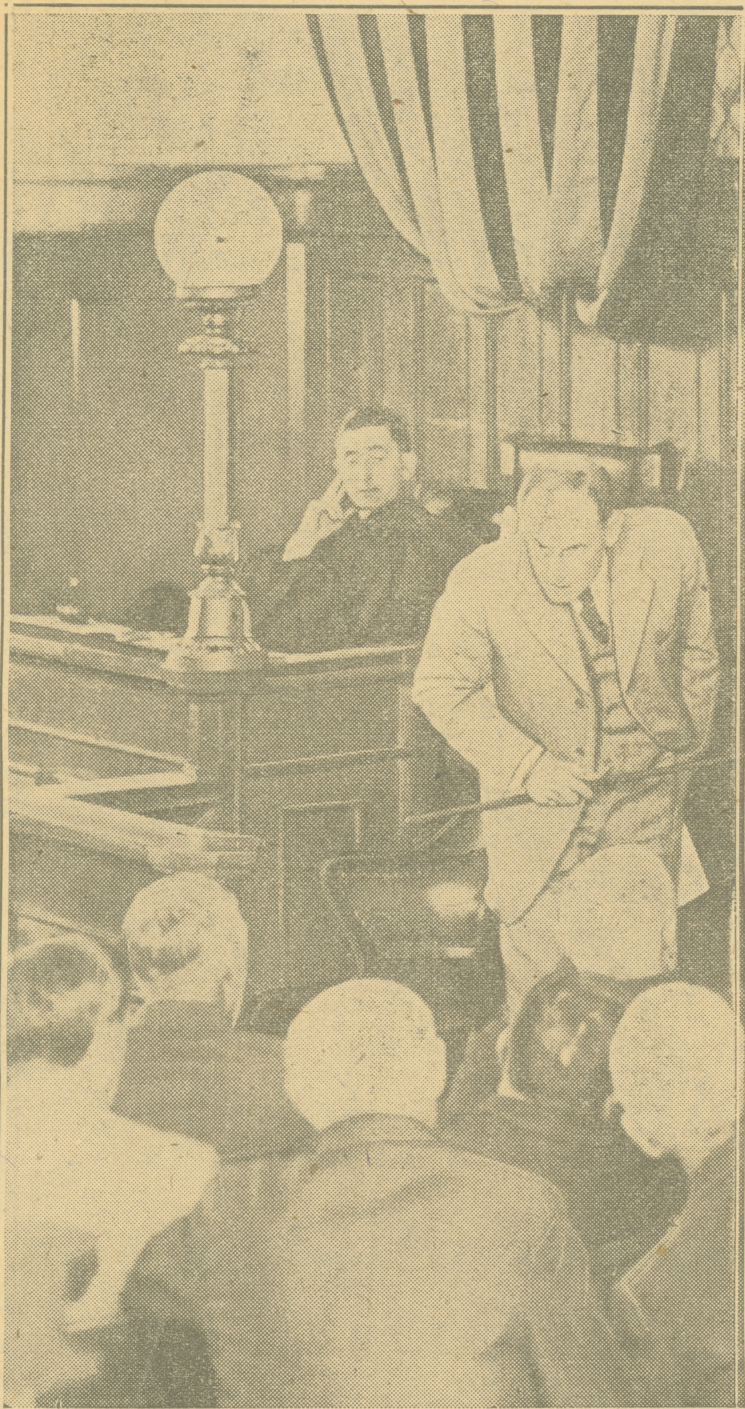
Henry replied in the affirmative and remained unshaken while the special prosecutor stormed and fretted about the difference in the faces of the brothers.

Mrs. Hall Flushes

Mrs. Hall flushed slightly at the reference to her brother's parentage. But Willie showed not the slightest resentment as Simpson pressed the point. For all he appeared to care, the fiery little prosecutor might have been talking about the weather.

Henry was the first witness of the day. He told how he had spent the morning of September 14, 1922—the murder day—looking after his boats at Lavalette, where he had a summer home; the afternoon at a friend's house in Sea-

Billion Dollar Defense in Action



GALAXY OF LEGAL TALENT which opened for defense after state rested yesterday placed Henry Stevens on stand in effort to prove alibi for defendants in Hall-Mills trial. Photo shows Senator Case, at opening of defense,

side Park and the evening fishing.

Could Only Drive Ford

The witness admitted knowing considerable about firearms, having been a salesman for the Remington Arms Company, but did not own a pistol for several years prior to and after the killings.

Stevens said that until 1922 the only car he could drive was a Ford. He owned a machine of this type. It was of a light brown color, with upholstery to match, and an upright wagon top.

Senator Clarence E. Case, who was conducting the direct examination, brought out the car's description to offset the testimony of Mrs. Mary Demarest, who claims she saw Henry driving a dark, closed auto in New Brunswick the day after the murders.

"Could you drive a gear-shift car?" Case wanted to know.

"No," was the answer.

The lawyer then took the witness over his relations with Mrs. Hall and the minister. Henry said these were always most pleasant.

A photograph of the beach at Lavalette was next produced and identified by the defendant. As he did so, Mrs. Hall moved her seat so that Mrs. Henry Stevens might have an unobstructed view of her husband.

"Are there any fishing piers at

Lavalette?" the defense counsel asked.

"No."

This information was brought out to discredit the testimony of ex-state Trooper Henry Dickman, who, called by the prosecution, had said he questioned Henry about the crime on a pier.

Stevens proved an admirable witness for his own cause. He revealed himself to the jurors as one of their own kind, a man who liked the things they like and who did the things they do. He seemed a human, kindly man.

Before he took the stand Robert Neilsen of the defense forces issued a statement outlining what Henry and other witnesses will testify to.

"The testimony we shall produce," he said, "will utterly discredit and destroy the value of the testimony given by the six witnesses upon whom the state relies, namely, Mrs. Mary Demarest, the loving cousin of Mrs. Minna Clarke, who delights at making trouble for her."

Witnesses to Be Called

"Mrs. Anna Hoag, who since the preliminary hearing has changed her testimony and added a story

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Real Hell for Sinners, Says Dr. Straton of Hall Tragedy

By REV. JOHN ROACH STRATON, D. D.

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In reply to a correspondent, I discussed in yesterday's paper the question of whether the devil was really behind the crimes in the Hall-Mills case.

The companion question of the relation between this case and the fact of hell, naturally and logically, follows after.

Pig Woman Better, Is Cheerful After Trip to Hall Trial

JERSEY CITY, N. J., Nov. 20

(By U. P.).—Mrs. Jane Gibson has conquered the reaction following her trip to Somerville Thursday to appear as the state's principal witness in the Hall-Mills trial and her condition is improved, according to a bulletin issued today at the Jersey City Hospital.

Mrs. Gibson, who collapsed shortly after the opening of the trial, is suffering from a complication of ailments.

The bulletin follows:—

"Mrs. Gibson's general condition is much improved over yesterday. Her temperature is normal. She is resting quietly and has no pain. She has conquered the reaction following her trip to Somerville. She is very bright and apparently improved after her trip to the trial. She is not any worse for leaving the institution."

FRENCH MOVE TO HALT SUDDEN RISE OF FRANC

PARIS, Nov. 20 (By U. P.).—

Premier Poincare and his financial aids struggled today to halt the upward progress of the franc. Its recent rise has created a dangerous situation for business and government alike.

When the franc momentarily reached 127 to the pound sterling, the government bought pounds and dollars, bringing the franc back to 129 to the pound. The dollar was worth 26.37 francs.

Clearing House

(Official figures)

Exchanges \$991,000,000
Balances 107,000,000
Credit balance.. 83,000,000



MRS. MARIE DEMAREST

And while the minds of the people are on the truth of human justice and retribution for wrongdoing in connection with this case, it may be profitable to press along a little further in our thought and give some attention to the matter of Eternal justice and retribution.

The thought that a good God would allow any soul to go to hell is staggering to some superficial minds, but we need to remember that the results of sin are infinite and eternal, and therefore eternal suffering for sin is not only just and right but it is inevitable.

But you ask, "Is hell a place or is it just a condition?" The teaching of Jesus makes it clear that hell is a place as well as a condition. As self-conscious personality survives in the future life, it must survive somewhere. And the fact of natural moral gravitation, which leads evil people to flock together in this world, will doubtless also operate in the world to come.

The prophet, exclaims, in speaking of the wicked, "Woe unto their soul! for they have rewarded evil unto themselves." (Isaiah, 3:9.)

Every soul, therefore, who is finally lost will go, like Judas, to "his own place"—not a place prepared originally for men, but "prepared for the devil and his angels."

A moment's clear thinking will convince any reasonable mind that it is a rational and necessary truth which Jesus Christ proclaimed in his teachings about hell. You believe that crime ought to be punished and, because of wrong conditions, that there ought to be jails and penitentiaries in this world. Will you be so foolish, then, as to think that God Almighty ought to be less firm, less wise and less just than earthly rulers?

Either God is a fool or He is immoral or He is weak if He has provided no hell for violators of righteous law! But he is neither of these things.

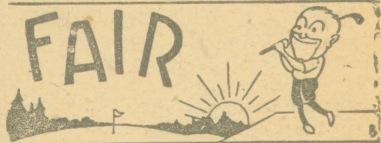
Has Place for Ungodly

He must and will provide some place where the ungodly go. And those who go to that place will really send themselves, despite all the efforts which a loving God has made, even including the sacrifice of His own Son, for their salvation. If these lines by any chance

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THE WEATHER

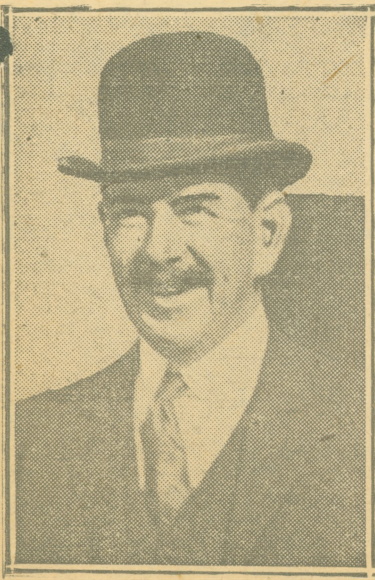
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1926



U. S. WEATHER FORECAST

LOCAL—Fair and continued cool tonight and Sunday; fresh west to northwest winds.

Hour.	Temp.	Weather.	Barom.	Wind.
Midnight...	35	Clear	30.01	W. 15
2 a. m. ...	34	Clear	30.01	W. 24
4 a. m. ...	32	Clear	30.01	W. 20
6 a. m. ...	32	Clear	30.02	W. 18
8 a. m. ...	33	Clear	30.03	SW. 15
10 a. m. ...	38	Clear	30.01	W. 22



HENRY STEVENS